

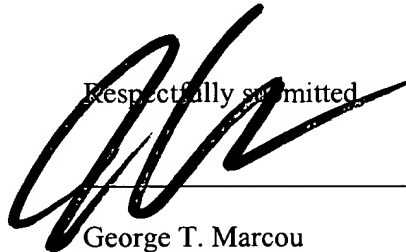
REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is being filed prior to the initial Office Action on the merits. By the foregoing amendment, claims supported by the original disclosure have been added. No new matter has been added to the disclosure. An examination on the merits at your earliest convenience is respectfully requested. Please contact undersigned with any questions that will expedite prosecution.

Date: _____

9/13/02

Respectfully submitted



George T. Marcou
Registration No. 33,014

KILPATRICK STOCKTON LLP
Suite 900
607 14th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20005-2018
(202) 508-5846